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MEDICAL SCREENING PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

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**WITH MEDICHEK,
YOUR CHILDREN CAN GET
MEDICAL CARE WHEN THEY
ARE WELL,
SO THEY CAN STAY HEALTHY.**

We want to help you keep your child healthy. That's why the Department of Public Aid pays for a medical screening program called MEDICHEK for healthy children.

As early as possible in your child's life, and at regular times, your child can get a complete exam, shots and tests that help prevent diseases that can hurt, cripple and kill.

The MEDICHEK Program is a special program in addition to the medical coverage for medical treatment under the Medicaid Program. Any diagnosis and treatment necessary after the MEDICHEK examination will be available from physicians, hospitals, clinics or other participating health care providers.



WHO CAN GET MEDICHEK SERVICES?

Children age 17 and under.

Children age 18 must be full-time students in grades 9 through 12 or a vocational/technical school and graduate before age 19 and

Pregnant women through age 20 are eligible to receive MEDICHEK services at no cost under various federally assisted programs:

- ★ Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)
- ★ Blind Assistance (BA)
- ★ Disability Assistance (DA)
- ★ Medical Assistance No Grant for the Aged, Blind & Disabled (AABD-MANG)
- ★ Individuals age 17 and under and pregnant women through age 20 are eligible to receive Medichesk services under the AFDC MANG Program.
- ★ Refugee Programs



MEDICHEK services are available to all eligible persons in Illinois regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religious beliefs, handicap, or political affiliations.

HOW YOU CAN GET MEDICHEK SERVICES:

Fill out the Medichek post card or make an appointment with any pediatrician, family doctor or clinic of your choice which accepts the green MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY CARD.



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MEDICHEK SERVICES OFFERED:

COMPLETE HEALTH EXAMS - This exam will include a health and developmental history, weighing and measuring, listening to your child's heart, looking at the ears, eyes, nose and throat, and a checkup on nutritional status. A complete health exam will be given free on a periodic medical care schedule during each of these age groups from birth through age 20. The first exam can be given at any age.

Birth	-	1 mo.	2	-	4 yrs.
1	-	3 mos.	4	-	6 yrs.
3	-	5 mos.	6	-	9 yrs.
5	-	8 mos.	9	-	12 yrs.
8	-	12 mos.	12	-	16 yrs.
12	-	18 mos.	16 yrs.	-	21 yrs.
18 mos.	-	2 yrs.			

DENTAL CARE - Children age 3 and over should see a dentist according to the following age schedule: 3-4, 4-6, 6-9, 9-12, 12-16 and 16-21 years.

LAB TESTS - Lab tests check for things the eye can't see. These are tests for anemia, sickle cell, lead poisoning, TB, diabetes and other medical problems.

IMMUNIZATIONS - These shots will protect your child against measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, whooping cough and lockjaw.

SCHOOL EXAMS - Health exams for entry into Head-Start and Kindergarten or grades 1, 5 and 9 are available.

HEARING AND VISION SCREENING - These services are provided to all children in Illinois by the Department of Public Health.



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**REMEMBER take your green
MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY CARD with you
when you go. Ask the doctor for a MEDI-
CHEK health exam.**

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